

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
AND  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT  
(NPDES NO. CA0081337)  
AND  
ADOPTION OF A TIME SCHEDULE ORDER  
FOR  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY  
BALSAM MEADOWS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
EASTWOOD POWERHOUSE FACILITY  
FRESNO COUNTY**

Southern California Edison Company owns and operates the Balsam Meadows Hydroelectric Project, Eastwood Powerhouse Facility near Shaver Lake. Discharges from the Facility consist of wastewater treated in an oil and grease separator, untreated groundwater, and non-contact cooling water to Shaver Lake (Discharge Point 001), a water of the United States and a tributary of the San Joaquin River. Wastewater treated in the oil and grease separator consists of wastewater from equipment and floor cleaning operations, leaking pipe joints, and leaking bearings. Discharges of untreated groundwater can also be discharged to North Fork Stevenson Creek (Discharge Point 002), a water of the United States and a tributary of the San Joaquin River. Both discharges are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2005-0093, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0081337.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of WDRs renewing the NPDES permit and a Time Schedule Order (TSO). The proposed WDRs/NPDES permit include new final effluent limitations for chronic toxicity and zinc at Waste Stream (WS) 001A, chronic toxicity, arsenic and lead at WS 001B, copper at WS 003, and pH at Discharge Point 002. The Discharger is unable to immediately comply with the new effluent limitations for zinc at WS 001A, arsenic and lead at WS 001B, and copper at WS 003. A tentative TSO is included to provide a time schedule for compliance with the new effluent limitations for arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 5/6 December 2013  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated party for this hearing is as follows:

- Southern California Edison Company

Designated parties, but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or

her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **1 November 2013**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO were issued on 1 October 2013. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than by **5 p.m. on 1 November 2013**. Testimony, evidence, and/or written comments submitted after **5 p.m. on 1 November 2013** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. A party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board hearing and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Central Valley Water Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit or tentative TSO should contact Aide Ortiz at (559) 445-6083 or at [aortiz@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:aortiz@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit, tentative TSO, and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/#2013](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2013) at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the hearing will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the tentative WDRs/NPDES permit and tentative TSO.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

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The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

  
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DOUGLAS K. PATTESON, Supervising Engineer

1 October 2013